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ARGENTINE DEVELOPMENTS

1. Peron's 31 August speech, in which he withdrew his earlier offer to resign, and called on his followers to prepare to fight violence with "even greater violence," may have led army leaders to reconsider their support of him.
 - A. The top military leadership, which holds the dominant power position in the government, has been supporting Peron on the condition that he follow moderate policies.
 - B. Reportedly this support of Peron by the army leaders has been strongly disliked in the lower military echelons, particularly in the provinces. Even some high ranking officers advocated Peron's resignation on 30 August,

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II. A revolution beginning in the provinces would probably be
UN successful ~~only if~~ ^{UNLESS} there was close cooperation and coordina-
tion among the provincial commands and the rebel forces in
the Navy and Air Force.

- A. Civil war could ensue. However, if the army top command ^(IN BUENOS AIRES)
tried to force Peron out, and he called on the Argentine
General Confederation of Labor to support him, X
- B. The US Embassy in Buenos Aires reported that the 31 August
labor rally and general strike was a successful demon-
stration of Peron's continued labor support and his
ability to marshall the masses.
- C. To date, no revolutionary outbreaks have been reported.

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